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1. (Secret - JSW) John Warner and George Cary talked with Jim Kendall and Glenn Smith concerning the question of appropriate information in special categories. We discussed the conversation of the Director and Senator Stennis wherein certain concerns of the Director were made known to Stennis. Within this general guidance we explained we would cooperate in making the substantive information required by the Committee available. However, there would have to be certain safeguards in connection with sources, no formal clearances and we would proceed on a step-by-step basis. Therefore, it was agreed the first step would be arrangements to bring Smith up to date on the Soviet atomic energy program, and the date will be set for this next week.
2. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Following up yesterday's request, Senator Jacob Javits was shown the memorandum prepared in connection with THE BAY OF PIGS book which discussed certain points raised in the publisher's letter to Mr. Arends. Senator Javits was appreciative but offered no substantive comments.
3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Representative Leslie Arends concerning THE BAY OF PIGS book. He reviewed the prepared memorandum on this subject. Pursuant to the Director's request, I raised with him for consideration the insertion of the contents of the memorandum in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I pointed out to Mr. Arends that the memorandum bore a classification but that this was being reviewed to see if it could be declassified possibly with a few changes. Arends pointed out he had another letter from the publisher and made available a copy of it. In that letter it is pointed out that the NEW YORK TIMES will give it a front-page review this coming Sunday and suggested that we look at the matter further next week. In addition, Mr. Arends suggested that it might be appropriate on this occasion to have Mr. Vinson speak up on the subject. In any event, we will discuss this further next week.
4. (Confidential - JSW) Talked with Robert Michaelis discussing possible Subcommittee assignments in view of Mr. Cannon's death and Sheppard's retirement. Michaelis indicated he doubted Mr. Mahon would make any changes the rest of this year but that next year there probably would be required quite a bit of reshuffling in order to assure appropriate assignments and that certainly more would be involved than simple seniority either on the full Committee or on the Defense Subcommittee.

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